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Summary

¶1. (SBU) Per reftel, Post submits the following update for the third week of January 2010. End Summary.

PD Activities

¶2. (SBU) The Somalia Unit, including the Military Information Support Team (MIST) dedicated to Somalia, performed para. 3-5 activities since the last report:

¶3. (SBU) Somalia Unit, in conjunction with AF/PD, is facilitating the planned visit of the Transitional Federal Government's Minister of Information to the U.S. for Diaspora outreach. The Minister is planning to visit the UK on the same trip; we are coordinating with the British High Commission in Nairobi to ensure the visits are complementary to one another.

¶4. (SBU) PAO and a member of the Military Information Support Team (MIST) visited Dadaab refugee camps from January 11-13 to speak with organizations to whom we provided sports equipment and gear for drama performances in November 2009. All beneficiaries remained extremely grateful for the materials, and appear to be putting them to positive use.

¶5. (SBU) MIST activity: Continued audience analysis for a planned Islamic lecture series, possibly on Radio Mogadishu.
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